Sinking of a well in the Satrom at Vandiperiyar.

15. *Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have constructed a Satrom at the Padinjarapara Estate for the use of the Sabarimala pilgrims;

(b) whether they are aware that the pilgrims who assemble there are put to very great difficulties for want of drinking water;

(c) whether a well was sunk in the Satrom compound;

(d) whether the well was completed;

(e) whether water is available in that well; and

(f) if not, why?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, partly.

(d) No.

(e) No.

(f) After sinking the well to 18 ft. depth rock was met with which was bored to 24 ft. depth, but no springs were found.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member, with reference to the answer to part (f), when it was found that further sinking is possible?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan: Actually we have done something more. We have dug up to 80 feet depth very recently. We are now trying to blast out the wells and see whether we cannot do more.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether the Department is trying another?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan: We are, Sir.

Kodayar Extension Project.

16. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Right Bank Channel from the Kodayar Raservoir is extended to be worked out under the present Kodayar Extension Project;

(b) if so, whether it will irrigate lands in the Neyyattinkara taluk;

(c) if so, the extent of old adjacent paddy lands and newly convertible land the channel will irrigate in that taluk; and

(d) whether it is proposed to construct new tanks to work with the channel?

Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan: (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

(d) No.

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